

Whereas it is represented to this General Assembly of Maryland, by the petition of William Orrell, Joshua Clark and Edward B. Hardcastle, that some time in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-five, they became securities of a certain Marcy Fountain, upon his bond as collector of Caroline county, he being a defaulter, his securities have actually paid the full amount of which they were liable under said bond; And whereas, it is further represented to the General Assembly, that payment of the interest on said sum, has been delayed by said securities, under the expectation that their principal would release them therefrom—Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That said securities be and they are hereby released from the payment of all interest that has accrued upon the said bond of Marcy Fountain, former collector of Caroline county.

Which was read the first and by special order the second time, and assented to.

Mr. Simmons obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act allowing Henry C. Drury, of Wm., former collector of taxes in the first collection district of Anne Arundel county, further time to complete his collections;

Ordered, that Messrs. Simmons, Alexander and Higgins report the same.

On motion of Mr. Maulsby, the house took up for consideration the report submitted by Mr. Kerr, chairman of the joint committee, on the 26th February, in relation to a deputation from the Legislature of Maryland to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of effecting certain objects therein specified;

On motion of Mr. Ely, said report was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Maulsby, the house took up for consideration the message and resolutions of the senate, declaratory of the rights of the citizens of this State, over their fugitive slaves;

Mr. Maulsby called for a division of the question upon each resolution.

The 1st resolution was read and assented to.

Mr. Causin moved to amend the second resolution by adding at the end thereof the following—"Provided, that in making such arrest he conforms to the provisions of the act of Congress, and the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, made with reference to such arrests."

Determined in the negative.

The hour of twelve having arrived, in pursuance of previous arrangement between the two houses, the Hon. Speaker, accompanied by the members of the house, proceeded to the Senate chamber, for the purpose of determining the respective numbers and order of priority of the gubernatorial districts, and on returning to the house and resuming the chair, the Speaker reported to the house that in conformity with the requirements of the 20th section of the act of December session 1836, ch. 197, confirmed by the act